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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

RE: MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND) FOR CITY OF GREENFIELD
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, DATED APRIL 12,
2024 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER [2024040602](#)

Dear Jamie Tugel,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received a MND for the Greenfield Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project. The proposed Project consists of the construction of a new wastewater treatment plant ("WWTP") facility, and the subsequent demolition of the existing WWTP. Additionally, potable and recycled water pipelines would be constructed within the right-of-way of Walnut Avenue west towards Thorp Avenue. The proposed Project would construct an additional recycled water pipeline located in the access road between the WWTP and the effluent disposal site wherein a recycled water pump station would be constructed. The proposed Project would improve the performance of the existing WWTP to ensure the facility can accommodate future flows, comply with current water quality standards, decrease reliance on

groundwater supplies, and improve performance. After our review, DTSC recommends and requests consideration of the following comments:

1. If buildings or other structures are to be demolished on any project sites included in the proposed project, surveys should be conducted for the presence of lead-based paints or products, mercury, asbestos containing materials, and polychlorinated biphenyl caulk. Removal, demolition, and disposal of any of the above-mentioned chemicals should be conducted in compliance with California environmental regulations and policies. In addition, sampling near current and/or former buildings should be conducted in accordance with [DTSC's Preliminary Endangerment Assessment \(PEA\) Guidance Manual](#).
2. DTSC recommends that all imported soil and fill material should be tested to ensure any contaminants of concern are within DTSC's and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Regional Screen Levels (RSLs) for the intended land use. To minimize the possibility of introducing contaminated soil and fill material there should be documentation of the origins of the soil or fill material and, if applicable, sampling be conducted to ensure that the imported soil and fill material meets screening levels outlined in the [PEA](#) for the intended land use. The soil sampling should include analysis based on the source of the fill and knowledge of the prior land use. Additional information can be found by visiting [DTSC's Human and Ecological Risk Office \(HERO\) webpage](#).

DTSC appreciates the opportunity to comment on the MND for the Greenfield Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project. Thank you for your assistance in protecting California's people and environment from the harmful effects of toxic substances. If you have any questions or would like any clarification on DTSC's comments, please respond to this letter or via [email](#) for additional guidance.

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